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United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/153 of 18 December 1991,

Recognizing that criminality is a major concern of all nations and that it calls for a concerted response from the international community aimed at preventing crime, improving the functioning of the criminal justice system and law enforcement, and increasing respect for individual rights,

Conscious of the vital role of regional cooperation in the fight against crime and of the potential contribution of interregional and regional institutes in the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

Recognizing the efforts made so far by the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in fulfilling its mandate through, inter alia, the organization of training programmes and regional seminars,

Aware of the financial difficulties that the Institute continues to face as a result of the fact that many States of the African region are in the category of least developed countries and therefore lack the necessary resources with which to support the Institute,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

Recognizing the urgent need to promote and intensify international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice and the fact that this cooperation can be effective only if it is executed with the direct participation of the receiving States, with due respect for their needs and priorities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders; 1/

2. Expresses its appreciation to those Governments and intergovernmental organizations that have supported the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. Calls upon Governments and intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations to intensify financial and other support to the Institute, in order to enable it to fulfil its objectives, particularly in the fields of training technical assistance, policy guidance, research and data collection;

4. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources are provided to the Institute, within the overall appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in support of the Institute, to enable it to carry out, in full and on time, all its mandates;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

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